

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

DATE: **January 19, 2022**

TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting:

Members Attended: 15 Agencies: Mariela Arreola (DSS), Becky Sherwood Pimental (DSS/Adult) Kenya Burton (Dist. 1), Joan Crenshaw (Comm/Status of Women), Herendida Delena (L. Campesinas), Christine Duncan (YWCA), Heriberto Estrada (Probation), Sheree Goldman (Dist 5), Kelsey Hansen (CHS), Deacon Warren Hoy (Dio Monterey), Elaine McCleaf (YWCA), Lauren DeSilva(Rape Crisis), Julia Muruato (Health Dept), Pam Patterson (DA Office), Deneen Guss, (MCOE), Dr. Ernest Vela (MCOE), Lee Garland (Dist 4).

Associate Members: Karlette Anderson, Jillian Santillanez

Absent Members: Priscilla Ortega-excused, Zoe Carter-excused, Cmdr G. Sanders- unexcused.

1. Opening

3:35- 3:45

- a. Call to order by C. Duncan Introductions
- b. Secretary – If you arrive late, please announce yourself for attendance
- c. Quorum present..
- d. Approval of minutes

November 17,2021 – Moved to accept by J. Crenshaw and seconded by K. Hansen

Minutes approved by All

December 15, 2021 - Moved to accept by L. Garland, and seconded by W. Hoyer,
approved by All

- e. Treasurer’s Report – Kelsey Hansen, \$134 was outgoing for the PO Box = \$28,580.71
- f. Public comments and oral communications: none

2. Updates and Announcements:

3:45 - 3:55

-Lee had an occasion to call the National Suicide Hotline for another individual, not satisfied with the response

-Pam called the same Hotline number during the meeting and rec'd a recording 6X.

-CHS opened Anger Management Groups for youths and adults starting Feb 7- 12-week course

-YWCA reminded members of the CSEC training on 1/20/22 by Justice At Last

-Kenya Burton advised CSUMB offering training

3. Education and Information

3:55-4:20

Rose Mukhar Esq. and Exec Director Justice at Last (JAL) Website: justiceatlast.org

Mobile law firm-JAL travels to wherever the victim wants to meet to eliminate transportation issues and the fear of walking into a law firm. JAL provides free wraparound services for Human Trafficking victims to include Cal VCB Right to Restitution, Immigration Petitions, Family Law, Child Custody, Restraining Orders, ID Theft. Provide holistic approach at intake by JAL advocates, provides vacatur motions to eliminate criminal convictions, works closely with prosecutors, federal and state. Sheree asked about representation in different states since traffickers often take victims to many different states to work. Rose stated they work closely with large law firms in the Bay area that have offices in other states as well.

JAL provides HT training to the community, partner agencies, for youth and adults. Recently trained YWCA staff and gave a Rights informational training to minors at Juvenile Hall.

JAL is a non-profit and will pay all court fees for HT victims. Similar law offices can be found in LA ie: CAST, and Free to Thrive in SD.

4. New Business

4:20-4:45

1. Christine discussed the need for this Council to see outcomes/product of our work. Previous years the DVCC was composed of working groups such as Victim Services, Offender Accountability, Annual Conference, Speaker's Bureau, Medical Services, Data Collection.

Discussion for the need to create a Statistical Collection Committee to amplify data, enumerate services rendered by our agencies, to be used in grant apps, to be published in a report to the Bd of Sups, and to see trends county wide.

Joan Crenshaw agreed to chair this committee and asked for volunteers. Pam Patterson volunteered, Lauren DaSilva mentioned that some victims are seen by several agencies so it's important to be aware of blending/overlapping stats. She volunteered to look at how to make stats accurate.

Kelsey H indicated she already works with the offender program providers and would agree to head up an Offender Accountability Committee and Lee Garland volunteered to assist.

Christine discussed how important it is for members to volunteer and not just attend the meetings.

Warren Hoy indicated that he'd be glad to help out with any events or advertising. Dr. Vela explained MCOE is not on the front line of services but appreciated all the resources available and would agree to pass on all information collected to the educational platforms.

Julia from the Health Dept informed the members that STRIVE records the rate of IPV in Salinas, violent crime rate, and homicide rate as well.

Motion made to create Statistical Collection Committee made by Kelsey H. and seconded by Lauren D. All in agreement.

Motion made to create Offender Subcommittee made by Lee G. and seconded by Kenya B. All in agreement.

5. Old Business

4:45

Did we achieve the 2021 goal: **“Partner agencies and representatives will improve interagency communication and support to increase and improve services, using a family systems approach.”**

J. Crenshaw previously (in November) offered to collect responses but no one responded.

Please send Joan your response by 2/2/2022 to joan.crenshaw@comcast.net

Lee G. promised to get Breakthrough to comply.

Clarification was provided that this meeting was inadvertently scheduled and held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Thanks to Zoe Carter for catching the error. All agreed to return to meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except in November & December

6. Meeting Adjourned

4:50

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 23,2022 through Zoom at 3:30 p.m.

Missing Meetings: Three unexcused absences within a twelve-month period will constitute an automatic resignation.